

Dear FCC

I recently heard that the National Association of Broadcasters does not want XM Radio to be able to broadcast local weather and traffic (NAB's petition 04-160). As a user of XM radio, I find this service to be quite helpful, as living in the Washington area, there are traffic issues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and only XM radio provides me a continuous source of up-to-date traffic and weather information. Current traffic info can save me many minutes and hours of needless delays, so I have become quite dependent on this service.

I don't know all of the laws relating to broadcasting, but I can't imagine a good argument for the NAB to keep XM Radio from providing this service - it doesn't keep me from listening to on-air radio (which I still do for at least half the time, as XM radio does not offer National Public Radio, which I am also addicted to) - but beyond that, I see no reason for the NAB to have the right to dictate what XM provides. We are a country of innovation and competition. And to the extent that XM has a new and valuable (to customers) idea, the NAB's members might want to follow them and develop their own new traffic and weather capabilities.

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